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## CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Tuesday, February 1, 2011

### Members Present

Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Comm. Planning Group  
Hickerson, Tom – Rancho Santa Fe Fire  
Houlihan, Maggie – City of Encinitas  
Marquardt, Larry – Member-at-Large  
Nichols, Mike – City of Solana Beach  
Tanner, John – Rancho Santa Fe Fire (Alt)  
Zovanyi, Peter – Member-at-Large

### Agency Representatives Present

Davidson, Bret – Rancho Santa Fe Fire  
Gilligan, Matt – SDMS  
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire  
Muir, Chief Mark – Encinitas Fire Dist.  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17  
Russo, Joe – SDSME  
Fiorgoine, Phil – SDMS

### Members Absent

Campbell, Tom – City of Solana Beach

### Guests Present

Haydu, Lee – City of Del Mar  
Sinnott, Terry – City of Del Mar  
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest Fire Dept.  
Ward, Darrin – Encinitas Fire

### County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D. Bruce  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Pate, R.N., Rebecca  
Yaghmaee, Saman

### Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

## I. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Zovanyi, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made by Maggie Houlihan, seconded by Larry Marquardt to approve the November 2, 2010 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

## **III. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2011**

**Motion was made by Larry Marquardt, seconded by Barbara Cerny to nominate Tom Hickerson for Chairperson of CSA-17 for 2011. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Larry Marquardt, seconded by Peter Zovanyi to nominate Barbara Cerny as Vice-Chair of CSA-17 for 2011. Motion carried.**

Tom Hickerson is the Chairperson for the CSA-17 Advisory Committee for 2011 and Barbara Cerny is the Vice-Chairperson.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None present.

## **V. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT**

### **A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)**

Saman Yaghmaee furnished the financial report. Reporting period is from July 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011.

Total Revenue is up by 5 percent from \$1,241,595 to \$1,306,720, compared to the same reporting time last year.

Benefit Fee Revenue is up by 6 percent from \$710,603 to \$750,851, compared to the same reporting time last year,

Property Tax Revenue is up by 6 percent from \$516,299 to \$545,889.

Total Expenditures are about the same as last year at \$1,070,478. Expenditures are projected to exceed revenue by over \$250,000 in FY 2010/2011 and annually thereafter. These increases are due primarily to the rising cost of operations, which has necessitated the use of reserve funds.

At the November 2, 2010 Advisory Committee meeting, the members approved a resident user fee of up to \$900 per resident transport. After analysis it was determined that a resident user fee of \$400 per hospital transport plus \$20 per mile would potentially generate approximately \$500,000, eliminate the deficit CSA-17 is facing and stabilize the cash flow. This will return the reserve back to the level it was in FY 2005/2006, by FY 2015/2016.

Third party payments by Medi-Cal, Medicare and private insurance will be considered payment in full. Co-payments by district residents will not be collected because the district benefit tax is considered co-payment.

A Board Letter has been submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for an ordinance amending the County of San Diego Administrative Code to establish a resident user fee for CSA-17.

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, County EMS Chief)

The process of submitting a Board letter to approve a resident user fee of \$400 per hospital transport plus \$20 per mile has been initiated and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors after the county approval process is completed.

The EMS office building located on Mission Gorge is under renovation. The entrance to the building has been moved from Glacier to Mission Gorge Road temporarily until construction is finished. The remodel is scheduled to be completed by the end of February. Changes include additional security precautions for the lobby, expanding the large conference room and making the restrooms ADA compliant.

Plans are moving forward to move the prehospital Quality Collector System (QCS) onto the internet. The system will link hospital, prehospital agencies, and the ambulance providers to the County system. Training details for the new iQCS system are being implemented. The target date for implementation is April 1, 2011.

Last month the State Emergency Medical Services Commission met on December 1, 2010 in San Francisco and presented awards to honor and recognize noteworthy or exceptional acts or service by EMT's, paramedics and nurse's. Four EMS providers from San Diego County received awards. During the Paramedic Provider Report, Matt Gilligan will announce the EMS providers from San Diego County that received awards.

Recruitment for the State EMS Authority Medical Director position is continuing.

The State Trauma Plan that was expected to be out by December is currently under review by the State Trauma Advisory Committee.

A Centennial Naval Aviation Event will be celebrated on February 12, 2011 at North Island. They are expecting about 60,000 to 100,000 spectators to attend. Two hundred airplanes will be on display and will fly over the bay. EMS has been working with military emergency response to prepare for the event.

C. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

EMT and Paramedic Protocols. Protocols are being reviewed and rewritten for paramedic and EMT treatment guidelines.

POLST Form. Dr. Haynes provided a copy of the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form. The POLST form is similar to the advanced directive and states the kind of medical care an individual wishes to receive, especially at the end of life. The changes clarify cardiopulmonary intervention, the level of medical intervention and limited artificial nutrition given in the hospital. The updated POLST form will become effective April 1, 2011. Individuals are encouraged to fill out the forms and have them available so their medical needs can be clear during circumstances where they may not be able to make decisions for themselves.

Influenza. There were low occurrences of influenza during the holiday season. In the last month the amount of reported influenza cases were down as well as the number of deaths due to pneumonia and influenza.

Pertussis. The pertussis epidemic continues. Currently there is the same number of cases reported this year compared to last year at this time. There were a total of 1,125 confirmed cases in the County last year.

New Drugs. There were a number of cases reported of people smoking a synthetic marijuana called “Spice”. Because of the high level of cannabis, people using the drug may have hallucinations, rapid heartbeat and vomiting. Use of “Bath Salts”, a form of methamphetamine, has been reported in the community as well. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has ruled that the drugs cannot be sold over the counter.

D. Paramedic Provider Report [Matt Gilligan, San Diego Medical Services (SDMS)]

Compliance reports from August, September and October were provided. November and December are still in the adjudication process and will be available at the next meeting.

Transport volume for CSA-17 from July 1, 2010 to present is down by approximately 180 transports, or 6 percent from this time last year.

Last month continuing education (CE) programs discussing chest pain and difficult diagnosis were taught by the emergency room physicians at Scripps Encinitas. Next month there will be a program on homeless patients covering complications and different situations to expect with the homeless. Maggie Houlihan asked if the program information will include the chronic homeless and situational homeless. Matt Muir responded that they had been looking at the chronic homeless and will be addressing the situational homeless issues as well.

Participation in outreach activities included the High Tech Fair this week in Del Mar, the Encinitas Youth Council tomorrow and ongoing blood pressure clinics in Rancho Santa Fe and Encinitas.

The State of California EMS Authority reviews nominations throughout the year to present awards that highlight community service and the career of an EMT, paramedic or nurse. The following CSA paramedics were nominated and subsequently chosen.

- Chris Olsen was awarded the Meritorious Service medal for providing superior EMS services and innovation for over 35 years in San Diego County.
- Paramedic Anna Marie Jensen received a Community Service Award for providing dedicated community service in organizing EMS social networking opportunities. She has developed a website where EMS providers can communicate with each other.
- Kevin Ruitzel who covered for Loralee Olejnik while she was gone to Australia was awarded the Community Service Award for providing dedicated community service programs in San Diego County.

Joe Russo, paramedic and R.N., will be replacing Mary Mottet as the new QA and training specialist. Mr. Russo has 12 years experience as a paramedic and is currently an R.N. working in the Alvarado Hospital emergency room.

**VI. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Resident User Fee.

The Board Letter requesting a \$400 resident user fee per hospital transport, plus a one way fee of \$20 per mile will be going before the Board of Supervisors. There was discussion with the role of the CSA-17 Advisory Committee in terms of representation at the Board meeting. Marcy Metz mentioned that it is best if any objections are known in advance and discussed at the CSA-17 meeting. Notification of the date the item will be placed on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda can be sent to the CSA-17 Advisory members. Peter Zovanyi and Tom Hickerson volunteered to attend the Board meeting on behalf of the CSA-17 Advisory Committee.

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Larry Marquardt announced he will be retiring after 28 years of service at the end of this year. He will be attending the meetings through November.

The next CSA-17 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Submitted by

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